

WAS IT GOLD ENOUGH?

Yes; Quite Cold Enough for the Most Ardent Admirer

OF A REAL, OLD-FASHIONED WINTER

Thermometers Vary, but it was Cold Enough, anyhow—The Weather Bureau's Prediction of a Fall of Twenty Degrees Fully Verified—People go out in Sleighs in Spite of the Zeroic Weather.

7 a. m.	8	3 p. m.	8
8 a. m.	7	4 p. m.	5 1/2
9 a. m.	6	5 p. m.	5 1/2
10 a. m.	5	6 p. m.	4 1/2
11 a. m.	4	7 p. m.	3 1/2
12 m.	3	8 p. m.	2 1/2
1 p. m.	2	9 p. m.	2
2 p. m.	1		

Thermometers are a great deal like watches, in that no two are just alike, "yet each will trust his own." The figures above are the record of the standard thermometer at C. Schnepf's Opera House corner pharmacy yesterday at hourly intervals. At some places in town, notably at the end of the suspension bridge and the corner of Twelfth and Market streets, thermometers registered lower than zero, but this may have been owing to local influences.

Schnepf's thermometer Monday evening indicated 29 degrees above zero. That was about the time the telegram was sent out from Washington saying the mercury would fall twenty degrees by morning. It was a rather striking fulfillment of this prediction that at 5 a. m. yesterday the same thermometer indicated exactly nine degrees above.

At 5 p. m. yesterday, exactly twenty-four hours after the mercury had stood at twenty-nine degrees above, it indicated five degrees above, a fall of precisely twenty-four degrees—something in all probability unprecedented even in this climate, subject as it is to sudden and decided changes of temperature.

Cold as it was yesterday many people were out in sleighs and sleds. Though well wrapped up, their red noses and pinched faces indicated that much of their enjoyment came under the head of "pleasures of the imagination." The coasting tracks were almost abandoned, but skating was as popular as ever.

It was hard to tell who profited most by the intense cold, the people who sell ear muffs—"ear lugs," as they seem to be known in Wheeling—or the coal merchants. Natural gas was still a little short, and coal and wood had to be used to get up a decent degree of heat.

The ice dealers were not at all grateful for the continued spell of winter. One of the leading ones told an INTELLIGENCER reporter yesterday that he had not packed away a pound of ice, and did not expect to.

"Why?" he was asked. "Well, last year I bought a large quantity of lake ice. My customers would not have it. They all preferred the artificial ice."

"You see, the purest natural ice, after you keep it awhile, is in very unsightly blocks. The made ice is always in a neat, square edged piece, and there is something in ice as in everything else, in the looks."

"The difference is most important to saloon keepers, who are among our best customers. A barkeeper mixes up a fine drink, and out of the ice floats a speck of dirt. It may be a harmless bit of wood or straw, but the fastidious customer doesn't like it. A leading saloon keeper told me he would prefer to pay ten cents a hundred more for the artificial ice than for lake ice. Well, lake ice, of course you know, is far and away purer and better than our local creek or river ice."

"What can the manufactured ice be sold for?"

"I can handle it at 25 cents a hundred to large consumers. That is cheap enough. I would not deliver natural ice at less if I could cut it the day I sold it."

This remark reminds one of the way a prominent newspaper man once illustrated the sudden changes of temperature here. He said he knew an ice dealer in Wheeling who once started to cut a fine crop of ice in the morning, and by evening it was so warm that he had sold the whole crop to private consumers without putting it into the house.

Yesterday people would approach Schnepf's thermometer, look at it carefully, murmur "Oh, my!" and with their hands over their ears start on a run for the nearest warm room.

It looks as if a continuation of this weather would close the river here in a day or two. It is gorged above and below. If it should freeze over it would make the loveliest skating seen here for years.

Last night the weather was moderating a little. At 10 p. m. it was again up to nine degrees above.

A Timely Prediction Taken.
The intensely cold weather of yesterday caused the freezing of a number of the fire plugs throughout the city, while those not frozen would have surely been in that condition if something had not been done.

In order to prevent the fire department becoming helpless in the event of fire, the City Water Board on yesterday decided to have coal hauled to the various plugs, and fires built around them. This was being done all day yesterday, and last night the unusual and novel spectacle of numerous coal fires all over the city in the streets were seen.

In addition to preventing the freezing of plugs, these cheerful fires gave warmth to many a poor tramp during the night. The coasters, undaunted by the large and growing record of broken limbs, were out in force, and enjoyed the bonfires so considerably provided by the Water Board.

The Snow Ordinance.

There has been no attempt to enforce the city snow ordinance. The authorities should put it into force. It provides a penalty for any owner or occupant of any house who shall fail to clear the snow off the sidewalks within three hours after daylight after the snow ceases to fall, or who shall fail to clean the ice off the sidewalk, or cover it with ashes or sawdust. Many a serious fall has resulted this winter from the neglect to enforce this ordinance, and to allow three or four inches of loose snow to remain on the sidewalk is an outrage.

THE OHIO CLOSED.

The Main River in Front of the City Frozen Solid.

The intense cold, aided by the gorges in the river above and below the city, has had its natural effect, and the main channel of the Ohio in front of the city has frozen solid. The river closed at exactly 11 o'clock last night, the ice extending from the big gorge at the head of the island to the gorge below the

city at Bogg's run. The probability is that the present cold weather will continue and that the river will remain closed at this point for some time.

The steamers R. E. Phillips and G. L. & W. Transfer, in addition to the wharf boats, are caught in the ice.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

MATINEE at the Grand to-day.
MATINEE at the Opera house to-day.
THE GRAND this evening—"A Social Session."

MUMPS are almost epidemic in the Fifth and Sixth wards.

THE aggregate receipts at the City Gas office yesterday were over \$5,000.

THE Board of Commissioners yesterday morning visited the county infirmary.

THE Stamm house has taken out natural gas in the office and dining room, and substituted coal fires.

REV. S. F. GIBBS, pastor of the Presbyterian church at New Cumberland, died at that place yesterday.

IT is no joke, but a cold fact, that building operations are completely suspended in Wheeling this week.

THE time has come to revive all those excruciatingly funny jokes about moonlight picnics and trips to summer resorts.

THERE was another crush at City Gas Clerk Hill's office yesterday. It was the last day of grace for the payment of December gas.

MEDICINE MAN HU GO LO O, of the Kickapoo, has received an elegant souvenir of the Washington, D. C. tribe, being a group picture of the sturdy braves in serious count.

CLERK of the Board of Canvassers, T. C. Moffat, yesterday mailed to Messrs. Brockunier, Imhof and Wilson, at Charleston, certificates of election. Mr. Smith got his certificate Monday night.

CLERK HOOK issued a marriage license yesterday to the following: William H. Dunbar, twenty-four, and Bora H. Walker, twenty-two, both of Parkersburg. They were married here in the afternoon.

THE City Council endeavored to meet last night, but without success. The first branch lacked two and the second one member. A special meeting will probably be called for some time this week, to transact the accumulated business.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Gratton V. Balesley, of Buckhannon, is registered at the McClure.

J. M. Irwin and wife, of Fairmont, were in the city yesterday.

M. Coyle has returned from the east after the Christmas holidays.

William H. Dunbar, of Parkersburg, registered yesterday at the Windsor.

C. R. Denel, of Friendly, and O. S. Bradley, of New Cumberland, are at the McClure.

W. L. Harvey has returned to his home at McKeesport, after a pleasant visit with Wheeling friends.

Mrs. Jacob Burke, of Pittsburgh, is visiting with the family of Henry Rodman, Fourteenth street, East Side.

Superintendent M. Van Pelt, of the West Virginia penitentiary, Morristown, was in town yesterday afternoon.

J. H. Barry, of Amos; Andrew Clark, of Dean; D. Abersold, of Proctor, and Alvin Winsor, of Marietta, are at the Behler.

J. D. Kelly, A. P. Booth, T. M. Bigelow, Samuel Spencer and O. Kingbury, of Sistersville, are registered at the Behler.

Miss Lillie Haymond, a charming young lady from Fairmont, returned home yesterday, after a short visit to Miss Jamie Good, on Fourteenth street.

Mrs. W. A. Wilson will give a big reception at the Berger homestead, on the Island, on Thursday afternoon. The affair will be complimentary to Mrs. Melvin Griffith, of Baltimore, who is the guest of relatives in this city.

The Cleveland, O., delegation to the National Iron Roofing meeting came in last night and are registered at the Windsor. The party includes Messrs. N. H. McClure, W. A. McLaughlin, A. N. Brainard, William Backus, Jr., and T. A. McCaslin.

G. C. Needham, B. F. Powers and E. C. Powers, of Cleveland, R. J. Hyndman, of Cincinnati, C. Grazier and Robt. S. Kemp of Scottsdale, Pa., J. G. Battelle of Piqua, Ohio, R. C. Snyder, H. F. Ball and J. H. Eller of Canton, Ohio, are among the delegates to the meeting of the National Iron Roofers Association, and got in on the night trains, are registered at the McClure.

Encho Party Last Night.

A very pleasant social event last evening took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Dorsey, on North Front street, Island. Cards and conversation served to while the evening away in a very agreeable manner. Choice refreshments were served at midnight, after which cards were resumed for a short while. Handsome souvenirs were awarded to the winners of the largest number of contests. About thirty couples were present to enjoy the charming hospitality of the host and hostess, who arranged the affair complimentary to their guest, Mrs. Melvin Griffith, of Baltimore.

Young Marsh Held for Court.

The trial of Jesse Marsh for attempted assault on Jessie Holtsclaw, a young girl residing on the South Side, came up for hearing last evening before Squire Arkle. Col. W. W. Arnett appeared for the defendant and B. B. Dovenor for the prosecution. At the conclusion of the evidence, which was not fit to print, Marsh was dismissed on the charge of outrage and placed under \$200 bond for his appearance at the next term of court on the charge of criminal intimacy.

Whist Club Meets.

Miss Mary Dickey entertained the Young Married People's Whist Club, at her home on Chapline street last evening in a very pleasant manner. Five tables were kept going by the interested devotees of whist, only stopping long enough to partake of some elegant refreshments served by the hostess. The evening was much enjoyed by the members of the club.

A Million Friends.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. If you have never used this great cough medicine, one trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at the Logan Drug Company's drug store. Large bottles 50c and \$1.

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PRICES GO UP ANOTHER NOTCH

And are Almost Certain to Advance Still More—No Relief to be Expected Until Late in the Spring—How the Present Condition Affects the Hotels and Restaurants.

Another week has gone, and still the various products of the festive porker continue to rise, another half cent being added onto the quotations yesterday at the Wheeling stock yards. The quotations are:

"Extra, 7.40 and 7 1/2 cents; Good, 7 1/2 and 7.35 cents; Common, 6 1/2 and 7 cents. Scarce supply and heavy demand."

Lard, bacon and hams keep pace with pork, and can be fairly classed as the luxuries of the hour.

The quotations at the great western pork centers are just as high as the local quotations, and though it is claimed there is a corner on pork, the advances since early last fall cannot be entirely ascribed to that fact.

A well known stock man speaking of the matter yesterday said: "The prime cause of the present almost prohibitive prices is in the very general scarcity of hogs. We have advices from the western country, which tell us the falling off in the immediate supply of hogs is universal. This falling off can only be explained by the extremely low prices that prevailed all over the country last summer, which caused a suspension of hog raising among a large proportion of the farmers, and only because there was no money in it for them. Consequently there is no immediate sufficient supply and naturally prices have advanced to the present high figures. There will be no relief to the consumer until next summer, by which time it is expected the farmers can supply the demand. In the meantime the prices are almost certain to climb above the present high notch."

It will be seen that the consumer of pork and other hog products can expect no immediate relief.

A PECULIAR PHASE

connected with the present conditions was brought to light yesterday.

An INTELLIGENCER reporter called on a restaurateur in the afternoon, and had an interesting conversation.

"How does the rise in pork strike you?"

"Not with a soothing paw by any means. Pork, hams and sausage all cost us nearly twice as much now as they did last summer. We use more of pork products than any other kind of meat, and a rise of even a cent a pound is no inconsequential matter, so you can easily see that the exorbitant prices now charged cripple us badly. I have counted up the difference between last summer's prices and those now charged, and find we pay out \$25 more every week than we did then. It knocks the profits in our business silly."

"Another feature is the increase in pork consumption, caused partly of course by the cold weather, and partly from the characteristic of Americans, who always want to patronize anything that comes high or is in the nature of a luxury."

Two hotel men were also seen and both said that the high price of pork bears hard on them. One said the difference in the cost of pork and ham at his hotel, each week over a similar period last summer amounts to at least \$55.

If one hotel loses that amount each week, the loss to the entire pork consuming population of Wheeling must be something tremendous.

At Bellaire yesterday hogs sold at 7.0 cents, the highest since 1893, when the price ran up to 9 and 10 cents, and remained at that figure for some time.

"The Little Blacksmith."

That over welcome little sourette, Lizzie Evans, will hold the boards at the Opera House to-night, presenting a comedy new to this city entitled, "The Little Blacksmith." This season Miss Evans has set aside her extensive repertory and devoted herself solely to one play, and the success thus far has well warranted her good judgment in so doing.

She has met with unlimited praise by both press and public in her artistic work as "Slen," "The little Blacksmith," and her success financially has been most flattering.

She has in addition to her new piece a complete new company. She has added new and original songs, dances, music and specialties, and in carrying all of her own special scenery she is enabled to give a production equal, if not superior, to any of its kind.

She will introduce many novel and interesting features during the performance, and in the first act she turns from a red hot piece of iron a complete and artistically made horse shoe.

Miss Evans is well known throughout the country as a most painstaking little artist, and the audience which will gather to greet her here should be a large and joyous one.

"A Social Session."

Fun—that's what "A Social Success" is: fun from beginning to end. It was made to be a laugh-provoker, and smiles won't do it justice. The plot is interesting and consistent, the characters are all well drawn, the dialogue is bright and funny, and the whole is a swift moving succession of ludicrous situations and incidents. It kept the houseful at the Grand last night in a roar. The company presents it in first-class shape. There will be a matinee this afternoon, and this evening closes the engagement. No one should fail to see "A Social Session."

"The Grey Mare."

Hundreds will laugh themselves hoarse next Friday evening at the Opera House over Daniel Frohman's Lyceum Theatre success, "The Grey Mare." The comedy has literally leaped into public favor all through the country. It is one of the kind of productions that never fail to attract big houses, and after drawing the people please them immensely. Mr. Frohman's charming company should be greeted by an overflowing house. Seats are on sale at House's.

Keeley Cure Lecture Postponed.

Owing to the extreme cold weather the free lecture by Judge Dodge, of Chicago, Illinois, on "The Keeley Cure," has been deferred till Tuesday evening, January 24, 1893, in the Opera house.

Draw Your Own Conclusion.

Mr. J. O. Davenport, manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., Ft. Bragg, Cal., has this to say of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I used it for a severe cold and cough and obtained immediate relief. In the Fort Bragg Redwood Co.'s store we have sold large quantities of Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by druggists.

WONDERFUL DISCLOSURES

Made by George Kennan Regarding the Siberian Convict System.

Mr. George Kennan's lecture next Tuesday evening at the Opera House, under the auspices of the Wheeling Press Club, will be on the subject "The Convict Mines of Eastern Siberia," and promises to be the lecture event of the season. Tickets are being sold rapidly by the Press Club members, and a great deal of interest is being shown in the coming lecture by the Chautauqua circles, Epworth League members and people generally all over the city who have heard and read of George Kennan's wonderful and sensational disclosures of the condition of affairs in that unhappy part of the Russian czar's dominions—Siberia.

Reserved seats will be on sale Saturday morning at House's music store. Persons buying tickets from Press Club boys in the meantime can have seats reserved at House's.

THE CHARITY BALL.

Promises that it will be the Most Brilliant Social Event of the Season.

To-morrow evening the much-looked-for Charity ball will take place at Arion hall. The prospects point to the most brilliant affair of the series given at this hall. A large number of tickets have been sold. The dressing will be the finest ever seen in the city. In addition to the fine dancing programme arranged, an excellent supper will be served under the auspices of Caterer Ziegenfelder. The following committees are in charge of the event: Supper committee—Mrs. Henry Baer, chairman, Mrs. M. Heyman, Mrs. Henry Speyer and Mrs. E. Emsheimer; ticket committee—Mrs. Bernard Horkheimer, chairman, Miss Hattie Emsheimer, Miss Mollie Baer and Miss Clara Kraus; floor committee—E. Backman, chairman, Louis Swabaker, J. Z. Selling, Dave Kraus, G. S. Emsheimer, B. F. Horkheimer and Morris Steinfeld.

OLD FOLKS DANCE.

A Memorable and Enjoyable Affair at the Arion Last Night.

The liveliest, jolliest and most pleasant affair given at the Arion this season was the married folks' annual ball given by the members of that flourishing society last evening. Fun and good natured merriment reigned supreme from the minute the first note was struck up for the opening waltz by the Opera House orchestra. About fifty couples were present. A few of the younger members were there to look with envious eyes, at the agility displayed by the older members during the dance. This was shown to great advantage during the first quadrille, when the orchestra played "Ta-ra-boom de ay." Dignified merchants and bankers joined in the music, keeping time with their feet, which brought forth roars of laughter and applause from the guests. Shortly before midnight an elegant lunch was spread by the caterer of the Arion, dancing being resumed at its conclusion. The event was hugely enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present.

The Coming Glove Contest.

Arrangements have been completed for the much talked of pugilistic glove contest for points, between Ed Kelly, Washington D. C., and Billy Smith, of Parkersburg. The affair will come off in a hall in the central portion of the city, on next Friday evening. Both contestants are eager for the fray, which promises to be an extremely lively event. They will fight with gloves in an eighteen foot ring, and for fifteen rounds, points to be considered. Time will not be called until after the theatres are dismissed, giving all a chance to see both attractions on the same evening. Considerable interest is evinced in this exhibition of the manly art, and it will no doubt be well attended.

Slight Fire this Morning.

The block next door below the City Bank narrowly escaped being burned at 2 o'clock this morning. No damage was done, as the fire was discovered in time to call the chemical engine, which put it out. It was caused by a plumber setting fire to sawdust packing in a closet in the rear of Joseph Emsheimer's insurance agency. The fire smouldered for several hours, and awakened some of the residents of the building by the heavy smoke.

Good One at Sistersville.

The well on the Muth farm at Sistersville is owned by the Rose Brothers and the Devonian Oil Company. Yesterday she reached the second paying sand and was doing 350 barrels and no water.

DIED.

SCHWERTFEGER—On Monday, January 9, 1893, at 4:10 a. m., AUGUST SCHWERTFEGER, aged 69 years.

Funeral from the residence of his son, William Schwertfeger, No. 615 Main street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends invited. Interment at Mt. Wood Cemetery.

GRUER—At New Cumberland, W. Va., on Tuesday, January 10, 1893, Rev. S. F. GIBBS, pastor of the Presbyterian church at New Cumberland.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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